



UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Issued by the Department of Transportation
on the 31st day of July, 2003

Essential Air Service at

PLATTSBURGH, NEW YORK

under 49 U.S.C. 41731 *et seq.*

Served: August 5, 2003

Docket OST-2003-14783

ORDER EXTENDING SERVICE OBLIGATION

Summary

By this order, the Department of Transportation extends the service obligation of CommutAir, Inc., d/b/a Continental Connection (CommutAir), at Plattsburgh, New York, for an additional 30 days, through [August 29, 2003](#).

Background

On March 24, 2003, CommutAir filed a 90-day notice of its intent to suspend its unsubsidized service at Plattsburgh, effective June 30, 2003. By Order 2003-5-22, May 21, 2003, the Department prohibited CommutAir from suspending service beyond the end of its 90-day notice period, through July 30, 2003, and requested proposals, with subsidy if necessary, from carriers interested in providing replacement service.

Although we have received proposals, this case will not be completed by the end of this hold-in period. Therefore, in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 41734(c), we will extend CommutAir's service obligation at Plattsburgh, for an additional 30 days, or until reliable replacement service actually begins, whichever occurs first.

This order is issued under authority assigned in 14 CFR 385.12(k)(5).

ACCORDINGLY,

1. We require CommutAir, Inc., to maintain essential air service at Plattsburgh, New York, consisting of three daily nonstop or one-stop round trips to Albany, for an additional 30-day period, through [August 29, 2003](#), or until reliable replacement service actually begins, whichever occurs first;¹
2. We direct CommutAir to retain all books, records, and other source and summary documentation to support subsidy claims for payment, and to preserve and maintain such

¹ In accordance with 49 U.S.C. 41734(c), we will extend CommutAir's service obligation for successive 30-day periods, as necessary, until replacement service actually begins.

documentation in a manner that readily permits its audit and examination by representatives of the Department. Such documentation shall be retained for seven years or until the Department indicates that the records may be destroyed. Copies of flight logs for aircraft sold or disposed of must be retained. The carrier may forfeit its compensation for any claim that is not supported under the terms of this order;

3. Docket OST-2003-14783, will remain open until further order of the Department; and

4. We will serve a copy of this order on the Mayor and Airport Manager of Plattsburgh, and CommutAir, Inc.

Persons entitled to petition the Department for review of this order under the Department's Regulations, 14 CFR 385.50, must file such petitions within ten (10) days after the date of service of this order.

This order will be effective immediately, and the filing of a petition for review shall not preclude its effectiveness.

By:

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